



Aguda satisfied; majority for Shamir now seen assured

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister-designate Yitzhak Shamir will present his proposed cabinet to the Knesset next week and Deputy Prime Minister David Levy said yesterday he was confident it would gain an absolute majority in the vote of confidence.

Levy's statement followed day-long negotiations with the Agudat Yisrael in which the outstanding issues were settled. There were also clear signs, though no firm commitments, that some of the six members of the present coalition who have been pressing for a national unity government will vote for Shamir even if he presents a narrow-based coalition.

Earlier this week there had been doubts about Shamir's ability to present a cabinet soon. The six maverick MKs had said they would not support it unless there are continued efforts to co-opt the Labour Party, and Agudat Yisrael declared it would not vote for a minority government.

The hitches with Agudat Yisrael were ironed out at a six-hour meeting at Shamir's office in the Foreign Ministry. After the meeting MK Menahem Porush told *The Jerusalem Post*: "We laid the basis for a coalition (which can last) six

years."

The Likud promised that funds for construction of more schools and yeshivot affiliated with Agudat Yisrael will increase in proportion to the increase in the number of students attending the schools.

Agudat Yisrael won concessions, which had not been included in the coalition agreement. Levy, who is also housing minister, undertook to negotiate with the Jerusalem municipality to try to move the site of a planned swimming pool from the vicinity of a projected orthodox quarter in Ramot in Jerusalem.

Shamir reportedly told them that all the religious bills the coalition had promised Agudat Yisrael will be passed during the Knesset's upcoming winter session.

That includes the controversial archeology bill, which restricts digs in areas where human remains are found.

Shamir also agreed to pass a bill restricting the marketing of pig products. The present bill bans only the raising of pigs.

Yesterday's agreement thus clinched the support of a total of 56 MKs of the Likud, National Religious Party, Tami, Tehiya, Agudat Yisrael and MK Rabbi Haim Druckman (independent). The figure would rise to 58 if Prime

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It's still tent lodgings for this soldier and for most of the Israel Defence Forces soldiers on the new Awali River line in Lebanon. By winter, all the men serving there will move into solid structures being brought to the area.

Foreign currency rush 'near panic'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The heavy demands for foreign currency, which started on Monday, gained momentum

yesterday with some bank branches reporting "near-panic" buying. Although exact figures were not available, one banker estimated

yesterday's purchases in the \$10 million region — considerably more than the previous day.

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Investors sell shares to buy dollars

TEL AVIV. — Speculators, betting on an imminent and major devaluation of the shekel, placed massive share sell orders at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday. They did so to raise money to cover foreign currency purchases.

Fearing a repetition of Monday's performance, when 111 securities were not traded as a result of "sellers only" situations, speculators focused on selling bank shares. As it was, 219 individual

securities plunged in price by margins that ranged from 5 to 36 per cent. However, only 44 equities were established "sellers only." Eighteen securities were registered "sellers only" for the second consecutive session and when trading resumes today these issues will be traded without "price restraints" and shareholders could suffer heavy losses.

The General Share Index, commercial bank shares excepted, was

down by 3.38 per cent, which was on a par with Monday's performance.

Many financial analysts and veteran market observers are convinced that the Treasury will have little choice but to enact a major devaluation, in the order of 10-20 per cent. However, there are expectations that devaluation will be accompanied by a heavy tax on windfall profits realized from foreign currency rate differentials.

Hawk was first to down MiG-25

An Air Force Hawk missile, with secret Israeli modification to the U.S. weapon, shot down a MiG-25 over Beirut on August 30, 1982, thus becoming the first weapon shown to be capable of overpowering the sophisticated Soviet plane.

This was reported by Israel TV. It said last night the MiG-25 was the most advanced Soviet aircraft, and that no weapon in western arsenals had been able to contend with its speed and climbing capability.

Merkava mark II unveiled

Unveiling Israel's locally manufactured tank, the Merkava mark II, Aluf (res.) Israel Tal said yesterday that its performance is 30-50 per cent better than the Merkava Mark I. Kol Yisrael reported. He said it was a substantial improvement in terms of armour, shooting accuracy and mobility.

The mark II has a new Israeli-made fire system.

At Latrun yesterday, a memorial ceremony for the 4,483 fallen soldiers of the Armoured Corps was held in the presence of the ministers

of defence and communications, the chief of staff, senior officers and thousands of bereaved relatives. The emotional criticism of "the Yesh Gvul gang" and "deserters" (those refusing to serve in Lebanon) expressed by David Giladi, who lost two sons, led to disturbances while he was talking. Some officers told Kol Yisrael that Giladi did not represent all those present.

A Yesh Gvul spokesman later issued a press communique expressing deep regret at Giladi's remarks. (See photo - p.2)

Family grants for Arab religion students also

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Christian and Moslem seminary students will be eligible for the extra children's allowances for large families on a par with yeshiva students.

This emerged from documents sent by the attorney-general's office to Jerusalem attorney Tsali Reshef, who is representing Arab MKs Hamad Haleila and Mohammed Wattad. The MKs petitioned the High Court last spring, claiming

that the extra allowances paid to yeshiva students who have not served in the IDF discriminated against them.

The government has now decided to extend the scope of these payments in order to find a way to renew the payments to yeshiva students that would stand up to the review of the High Court of Justice.

The allowances were originally paid only to IDF veterans, but yeshiva students were later included.

The extension of the benefits to

Christian and Moslem seminarians has not been officially announced, and confirmation could not be obtained last night from government sources.

Last July the attorney-general instructed the Treasury to stop paying the extra allowances to yeshiva students. In August the two MKs renewed their petition to the High Court on the grounds that the National Insurance Institute pays the extra allowances to welfare cases and new immigrants who have not served in the IDF.



Saleiman Franjeh

Lebanon reconciliation talks hit new snag

BEIRUT. — Plans to get Lebanon's warring factions round a negotiating table hit a snag yesterday when former president Suleiman Franjeh said he thought the government should first revoke the Lebanese-Israeli troop withdrawal agreement.

Franjeh, one of 11 politicians invited to the proposed talks, told a press conference in the northern town of Zghorta: "Until this agreement is cancelled, any dialogue, any talk of meeting is out of the question."

The statement appeared to reflect a sudden change of heart by Franjeh, who was quoted as saying on Monday that he had no objections to attending the proposed "national

reconciliation conference."

The conference idea is part of the September 25 cease-fire agreement which ended three weeks' fighting between the Lebanese Army and Syrian-backed insurgents allied to Franjeh.

Hopes for an early dialogue have already been set back by a dispute over the new civil administration announced by Druse leader Walid Jumblatt for the Druse-held Shouf Mountains.

Jumblatt is allied to Franjeh and former prime minister Rashid Karamé in the pro-Syrian National Salvation Front, formed earlier this year to challenge the Lebanese-Israeli agreement.

The front has said it wants the agreement at the top of the conference agenda, but Franjeh's statement was the first to come close to making its abrogation a condition for attending.

Meanwhile, sniper bullets whizzed through both Christian and Moslem sectors around Beirut yesterday on the ninth day of a fraying cease-fire.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem disclosed in Washington yesterday a new timetable for getting all foreign troops out of Lebanon, saying his government hopes there is an agreement in six months.

(Reuters, AP)

Quarrel on bus ride ends in death in downtown J'lem

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A quarrel on a bus ended in murder yesterday afternoon on a downtown Jerusalem sidewalk when 18-year-old Yusuf Sha'abouni of Silwan village was stabbed to death allegedly by a Gilo youth who immediately fled. Police last night put out a dragnet for the assailant.

Witnesses on the bus and on the sidewalk in front of the Rondo cafe in King George Street said the two youths, along with two friends of the Silwan youth, got off the bus after a loud quarrel. Passengers said the youths argued when the Gilo youth

demanding that Sha'abouni show him his watch.

By the time the bus reached the King George Street stop, the quarrel had reached a very loud pitch and the two agreed to get off "to settle the matter in a fair fight" one witness told police.

When they got off, Sha'abouni was immediately stabbed, police said. He died from two stab wounds in the chest.

While the two friends chased unsuccessfully after the assailant, witnesses called the police, who arrived within minutes.

IDF convoy attacked near Tyre

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — A Convoy of IDF tanks and trucks came under attack from light-weapon fire and a rocket-propelled grenade yesterday about five kilometres east of Tyre. No one was hurt.

In a search of the area, RPG and

Kalashnikov shells were discovered. This was the latest in recent attempts to hit IDF forces in the area. It is known that large quantities of arms and explosives are being infiltrated into territory controlled by the IDF over the three bridges that span the Awali River.

'White collar' crime unit reorganized

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The country's elite "white collar" crime unit, headed by Tat-Nitzav Binyamin Siegel, has been reorganized "so that it can take the initiative in its investigations" according to the head of the national criminal investigations department.

Nitzav Yehzekel Carthy, in an interview to be published on Friday in *The Jerusalem Post*, said the need for the reorganization was one of the lessons learned from the Aharon Abuhazzeira case.

Reporting in the *International Journal of Cancer*, Sincok said he can detect potentially malignant cells in cervical smears months before a skilled pathologist can.

Under the technique, the nuclei of cells are stained purple so that DNA, the main carrier of genetic information, can be studied under a microscope. If a cell is growing abnormally in the process of forming a tumour, it absorbs four to five times more dye than a normal cell. A specially programmed computer can then determine the exact number of nuclei that are abnormally stained.

Mother's efforts lead to new cancer test

LONDON (AP). — After watching her son die of cancer three years ago, Jean Pitt, a music teacher with no medical background, set out alone to find some way to detect cancer before it spreads.

The result of her campaign is a new computer test that *The Times* says "offers potentially the most significant advance in (cancer) screening for a decade."

Four major London hospitals are trying the test, which reveals changes in cells before they become cancerous. The test is still at a trial stage and is only being used on cervical smears, but doctors say it might eventually be used to ex-

amine the breast and other organs. Research for the project is funded entirely by a charity called Quest for a Test for Cancer, set up by Pitt after the death of her 29-year-old son in November 1980.

In a telephone interview, Pitt, 57, said she decided to start a charity for cancer research after her son, Paul, a high school French teacher with a wife and an 18-month-old son, died of stomach cancer that went undetected for months.

By the time cancer was diagnosed in mid-October 1980, it had spread to his right arm and leg. Doctors began treatment, but it was too late,

and he died within a few weeks, she said.

Pitt says she was not motivated by her grief to set up the cancer charity, but rather by anger that there had been no test available to detect her son's cancer before it spread beyond control.

Dr. Andrew Sincok, a British cell biologist and cancer researcher, agreed to head the project's research and enlisted the help of Dr. Jeffrey Middleton, a computer specialist.

Using equipment and space donated by Queen Elizabeth College Hospital at London University, they began screening cervical sm-

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Kollek to Aguda: Pool will be built

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter



Mayor Teddy Kollek poses for an election poster which will ask Jerusalemites not to "tie him up" by giving his One Jerusalem party anything less than an absolute majority on the city council.

(Rahamim Israeli)

Ramat neighbourhood than to build synagogues in new parts of the capital.

Kollek was reacting to a statement by MK Menahem Porush. The Aguda leader said on Monday that the government's "failure" to stop construction of the Ramot pool was delaying Aguda's entry into Prime Minister-designate Yitzhak Shamir's coalition.

The government actually has little to do with the Ramot pool, which is intended to serve the growing neighbourhood of more than 20,000 people. There was no government money for many public services in Ramot, so Kollek organized contributions through the Jerusalem Foundation to build a community centre, library and pool.

Municipal spokesman Rafi Devora estimated that there are about 600 ultra-Orthodox families in Ramot Polin, part of Ramot, and another 20 such families in other parts of the neighbourhood. About three months ago, ultra-Orthodox families started a campaign to stop construction of the pool which, they said, would "cause divorces" in the neighbourhood.

But until Porush's statement, this campaign appeared to have petered out — especially after the municipality said that the pool would be surrounded by walls and would not be visible from Ramot Polin.

Some observers have said that the pool was an issue of principle for the Aguda: if it could prove it could stop the pool, this would encourage more ultra-Orthodox families to move to Ramot.

But secular residents of Ramot saw the pool issue in similar vein: if they could ensure the pool was built, potential secular residents would see that Ramot would not be dominated by the ultra-Orthodox.

Yehuda Yalon, chairman of the Ramot residents committee, yesterday sent a telegram to Shamir, saying secular residents of Ramot would use "all the means at their disposal" to stop Aguda attempts to halt construction of the pool.

Kollek promised yesterday that the pool would be built. He accused Porush of raising the issue for the purposes of Aguda's campaign for the Jerusalem municipal elections October 25.



One of the three persons arrested in Mea She'arim on suspicion of belonging to Keshet shields his face as he is escorted to court. (Harari)

Three arrested as members of Keshet zealot group

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Magistrates Court yesterday released three persons on \$50,000 bail each, after police arrested them early in the morning on suspicion of membership in the secret ultra-orthodox organization Keshet.

The group has claimed responsibility for the most militant of the anti-archaeology activities of the last year. These include the vandalizing of the graves of Zionist leaders and of Eliezer Sukenik, one of the country's leading archaeologists.

The three are Itze Cohen, 40, Ya'acov Indorski, 44, and Michael Abeless, 22. They were arrested in an after-midnight swoop into Mea She'arim by about 100 policemen, who were prepared to cope with a possible violent reaction to the arrests by other haredim.

The police were looking for the printing press used to print leaflets, posters, and brochures calling for demonstrations, some of which compared Jerusalem police commander Rahamim Comfort to Adolf Hitler. Other leaflets included pictures of the Israeli flag, with a swastika substituted for the Magen David.

Cohen led the police to his printing press, where the police found material regarding haredi activities against the archaeological dig at the City of David.

But the lawyer for the three men asserted in court that Comfort, who personally commanded the raid, was carrying out a "personal vendetta."

Judge Dalia Koval decided that Comfort had not acted "out of personal caprice."

100th soldier jailed for refusing Lebanon duty

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Reserve soldier Kobi Peter, 25, was sentenced yesterday to 28 days in military prison for refusing to serve in Lebanon. Peter is the 100th soldier to be court-

martialed and imprisoned for this offence.

Four soldiers are currently serving prison sentences for refusing to serve in Lebanon, a Yesh Gvul (There's a Limit) spokesman said.

Egyptians like Israeli apples

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Egypt is planning to buy large quantities of apple seedlings from Israel, after an initial order proved successful.

A member of the Egyptian delegation to the Agritech 83 agricultural implements exhibition told The Jerusalem Post that they had bought seedlings of the Israeli "Anna" variety. "They have taken roots and are growing very well in the Delta," he said.

The Egyptian was impressed with what he saw at the exhibition. He said they were interested in buying

irrigation equipment and machinery. They showed special interest in an Israeli machine that both plants vegetable seeds and covers them automatically with a plastic sleeve. The equipment and machinery are needed by the Egyptians for the development of southern Sinai area near the former Israeli settlement of Neviot.

The official also believed there would be an increase in Israeli involvement in agricultural projects in Egypt and Sinai in the framework of what he termed the trilateral agreement between the governments of Egypt, Israel and the Netherlands.

Hospitalized Haddad 'feeling fine'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Major Sa'ad Haddad, commander of the Christian forces in South Lebanon, who was hospitalized on Monday at Ramat Hahayim Hospital for "fatigue and exhaustion," was reported "feeling fine" yesterday.

Deputy director Dr. Zvi Ben-Yeshai told The Jerusalem Post that the hospital would not comment on a Ha'aretz report that Haddad was suffering from "possibly terminal" cancer. "It is an elemental rule for

hospitals not to publish diagnoses of its patients. Indeed, it's against the law," he noted.

However, he would say that Haddad was not suffering from any "apparent physical damage." He said Haddad was walking about and had received visitors from Lebanon, members of his family and close friends.

The tests started on Monday are continuing and when they are completed, "we'll know more," Ben-Yeshai said.

All Rishon 7th-graders in junior highs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — The fight against the school reform in Rishon LeZion ended yesterday as all the city's seventh-graders began attending the new junior high schools. In fact, there were more seventh-graders than anticipated. The city's education department had expected 1550 but 1641 showed up.

For the first month of school, more than half these children attended "unofficial" seventh-grade classes at their old elementary

schools because their parents and teachers objected to implementation of the school reform in their city. One of the central features of the school reform is the setting up of junior high schools. After Education Minister Zevulun Hammer decided last Friday that the reform would be implemented without compromise, the Histadrut Teachers Union backed down and the parents, seeing they had no choice, promised to send their children to the junior highs.

New standard university admission test

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A standardized, national university admissions test has been devised which will enable students to take one test regardless of how many admissions applications they file.

"We encourage students who want to get into selective departments to apply to as many universities as possible," Dr. Baruch Nevo, head of the new National Testing Centre, said, "and now the test results will be available automatically at any university to which they apply, without them having to state in advance where the results should be sent."

Unlike previous years, when the

first testing date was in April, registration for the first admissions test will open this week and the test will be administered in December.

Universities do not begin accepting applications until January, but those potential students who take the test in December will have the advantage of their test results already being at the universities when their applications arrive. This will allow earlier decisions about who is accepted where. "Our only request of students who apply to more than one place is that, after they are accepted at one university and decide to go there, they notify the others so that the place is available to another student."

The universities receive about 35,000 applications each year.

High Court blocks razing of Hebron plant

The High Court of Justice yesterday issued an interim order enjoining the military commander of Judea and Samaria and the civil administration from demolishing the partly built marble-cutting plant of a Hebron resident.

The petitioner, Faydal Bedoui, maintains that he started building the plant on August 1 after getting a licence from the Hebron municipality. But he was informed by the civil administration that the licence was invalid because the area in question lay outside the municipality's jurisdiction.

At the suggestion of the civil administration, the petitioner applied for a licence to the administration's supreme planning council. His application was rejected on the grounds that the land in question, under

the still-applicable outline plan of the Mandate government, is an agricultural area on which commercial construction is forbidden.

Bedoui says there already are a few marble-cutting plants in the area and that residents have even asked the municipality to permit him to build his plant.

He charges the civil administration with having acted solely to placate the residents of Kiryat Arba, who, he says, covet the land in question.

The state attorney opposed the petition, using the reasons given by the supreme planning council. He added that this was not the first time the municipality issued a building permit on land outside its jurisdiction. (Itim).

Hadassah unit gets \$1m. shot in arm

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The neo-natal intensive care unit at Hadassah Hospital, Mt. Scopus, which has been fighting for its survival the past few years, yesterday got a welcome shot in the arm from Billy and Rosalie Goldberg, whose \$1 million donation will upgrade the unit into a centre.

The unit treats an average of 200 premature babies per year, all of whom weigh under one kilogram at birth and are unable to eat or breathe on their own. The need for specially-trained medical and nursing staff, who maintain close

monitoring around the clock using sophisticated equipment, has made the neo-natal department one of the most expensive units of a modern hospital.

The cost of one day of hospitalization for a premature baby is \$320 (\$520,000), while the standard reimbursement paid by the sick funds and the government for a regular hospital day is close to \$120 (\$157,000).

The head of the centre, Dr. Ilan Arad, said that turning the unit into a centre would allow for increasing the medical.

Security forces seal homes of PLO suspects

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Security forces yesterday sealed a home and a room in a village in the Ramallah district and two rooms in the Aida refugee camp after their occupants admitted to membership in two PLO cells in the West Bank, military sources said.

The alleged members of the cell in Kafr Malik are said to have been responsible for a number of attacks on Israeli targets and suspected collaborators, including the murder of the head of a local village league, Yusuf al-Khatib, some 18 months ago.

Those detained in the refugee camp in Bethlehem are alleged to have thrown petrol bombs at troops stationed outside Rachel's tomb.

Children's TV show wins Mehta prize

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Israel TV children's programme 3,4,5 has won a prize given by the Zubin Mehta Fund for the show's contribution to cleanliness on the country's beaches.

The programme was selected by the Council for a Beautiful Israel. The award will be granted tomorrow at Beit Sokolov to the programme's producers and participants.

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FRESH FACTS FOR NORTH JERUSALEM

BEHIND a soft-edge advertising campaign showing children flying kites in a sunny new neighbourhood, a hard-edge political reality has begun to take shape in northern Jerusalem — a massive new housing estate intended to set the final stones in the new city wall being built around Jerusalem since 1967.

The estate, between Neve Ya'acov and French Hill, will comprise some 10,000 units making it the largest single housing project ever undertaken in the city. Last week, the Housing Ministry announced the opening of sales for the first section known as Pisgat Ze'ev. Occupancy is to begin in the summer of 1985.

The estate is the last major link in the arc of housing built by the government along the outer periphery of East Jerusalem since the Six Day War as both a physical and political barrier against the city's redimension.

The current project also serves to link the isolated Jewish neighbourhood of Neve Ya'acov with the edge of the built-up Jewish area of Jerusalem at French Hill three kilometres south.

Residents of Neve Ya'acov, whose buses and cars are sometimes stoned by Arab youths on the Ramallah road during times of tension, will from 1985 travel through solidly Jewish neighbourhoods on their way to town.

Although officially dubbed North Jerusalem (Zion Yerushalayim), the new estate is still popularly referred to as South Neve Ya'acov, its earlier working title.

Despite the current glut of apartments on the Jerusalem market occasioned by the fall in immigration and the lure of satellite towns, the Housing Ministry is investing all the resources necessary to build South Neve Ya'acov on schedule.

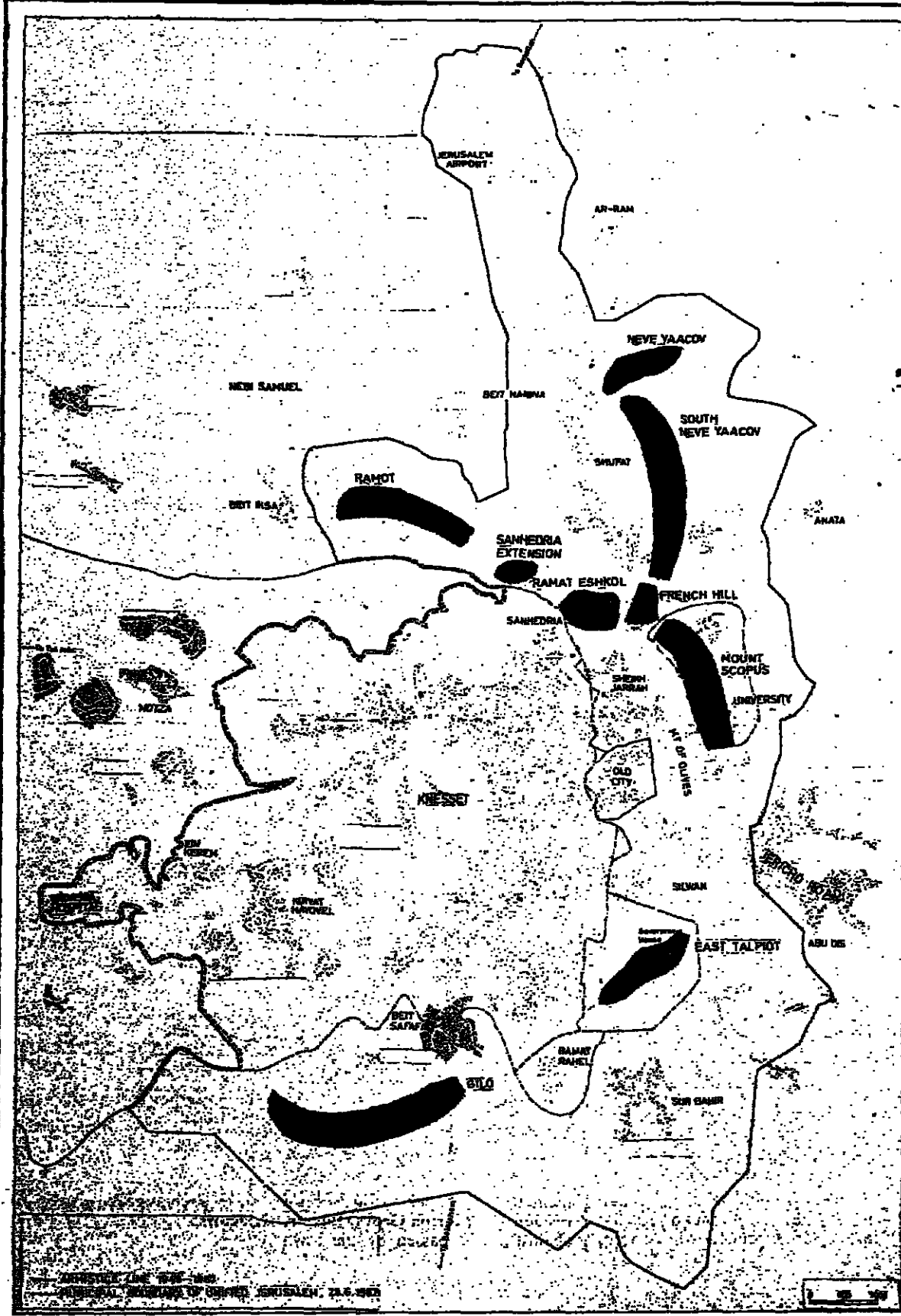
In urban planning terms, South Neve Ya'acov will be a departure from the other housing estates built in the city since 1967.

"It will not be just a bedroom community," says city engineer Amnon Niv. "It will have offices, hotels and all the other functions there are downtown, things that create employment. In appearance, it will be less complicated than the other communities."

Its spine will be a broad "neighbourhood street" about a kilometre east of the Ramallah-Jerusalem road, known as Road Number 13, it will link Neve Ya'acov and French Hill. Road 13, which will have service lanes, is envisioned as an old-fashioned urban main street with an intensive mix of offices, housing, shops and perhaps hotels, strung out along its length rather than having segregated commercial centres. New York's Queens Boulevard is a vision that comes to mind.

Two hills lying east of the new road — Pisgat Ze'ev, overlooking Neve Ya'acov, and Pisgat Omer, overlooking French Hill — will be the two principal neighbourhoods. Avoiding the super-bloc approach seen at Gilo and other new estates, these neighbourhoods represent a return to old-fashioned city streets, forming a roughly rectangular grid and lined by shopping arcades on main thoroughfares.

The Post's Abraham Rabinovich looks at the new neighbourhood between French Hill and Neve Ya'acov.



"We're trying to build a clear urban structure, and give it a more intimate dimension," says Elinor Barzachi, Jerusalem district architect for the Housing Ministry.

Nevertheless, the grid blocs will be non-conventional internally. Openings between the four-storey houses lining the main street fronts will lead not to a large internal courtyard such as at Gilo, nor to a parking lot as at Ramat Eshkol, but to an internal street lined by cottages and other low-rise housing. Thirty per cent of apartments in South Neve Ya'acov will be at grade level, with their own gardens.

Between Road 13 and the existing Ramallah Road a major inter-urban highway, Road Number One, is planned for an unspecified future date.

The space between these two roads, up to half a kilometre, is to be a third major subdivision of South Neve Ya'acov, strikingly different from the others. High-rise luxury apartment buildings, similar in character to the Wolfson Towers, will form part of a high-density, high-quality, highly urban strip, together with commercial and office space.

"It will have the texture of a city

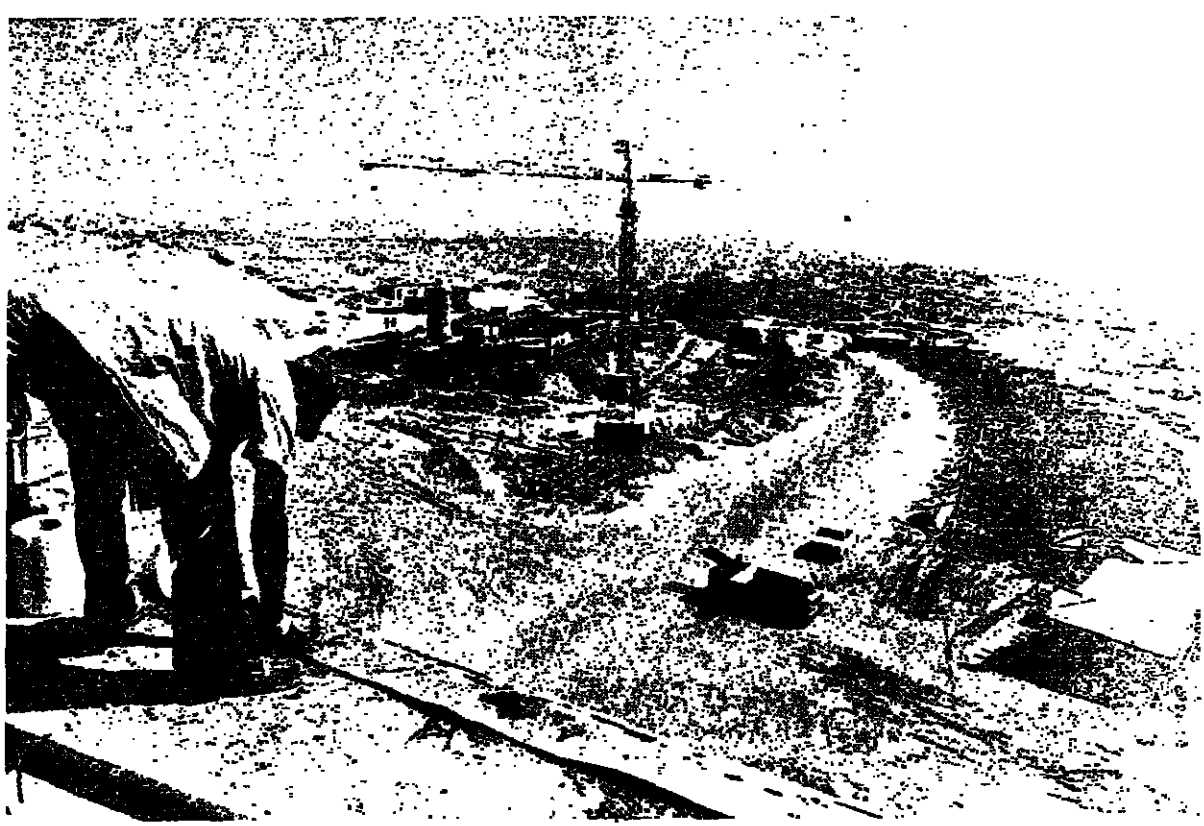
centre," says Barzachi. The stores and institutions in this strip, tentatively called 13-1 by the planners, would draw on both the Jewish and Arab populations of northern Jerusalem from as far as Ramat Eshkol and Ramot and from settlements outside the city boundaries such as Ma'ale Adumim, thus enabling a level of services a single neighbourhood could not sustain. This is the projection but the planners are wisely leaving development of 13-1 until market forces warrant it.

PRESENT construction begun last spring is confined to Pisgat Ze'ev,



Work in progress in North Jerusalem/South Neve Ya'acov.

(Isaac Harari)



which will have some 3,000 units. The top of the hill, on which archeological remains have been found, has been set aside as a neighbourhood park. A recreation area is to be developed at a later stage in the wadi separating the hill from Pisgat Omer to the south.

The latter neighbourhood is to contain some 5,000 units, including 1,600 for *haredim*. These ultra-Orthodox are to be provided a hill spur which can be closed to traffic on Sabbath without interfering with the rest of the neighbourhood.

The new estate abuts the Arab village of Hizme on the east and overlooks the bare, rolling hills of

the Judean Desert beyond. The Jewish National Fund has begun intensive planting of trees around south Neve Ya'acov in order to wrest it from the desert.

INDICATIVE perhaps of the Likud government's commitment to the project is the changing of the name of the hill currently being developed from Givat Tal to Pisgat Ze'ev, after Ze'ev Jabotinsky, Herut's ideological mentor. (The name will doubtless cause confusion with Givat Ze'ev, a satellite town being developed north of Jerusalem.) However South Neve Ya'acov was initiated in 1974 by the then Labour

government's politically dovish housing minister, the late Avraham Ofer. Mayor Teddy Kollek initially objected since it involved the expropriation of 3,900 dunams, most of it owned by Arabs residing in East Jerusalem. The municipality has since become reconciled to the project and has played an active part in devising its planning concept, including the simultaneous development of Arab areas in North Jerusalem. Extensive tracts of land in these areas have been unfrozen for building and lateral roads, lined by commercial establishments, are to be developed between the Arab areas and South Neve Ya'acov.

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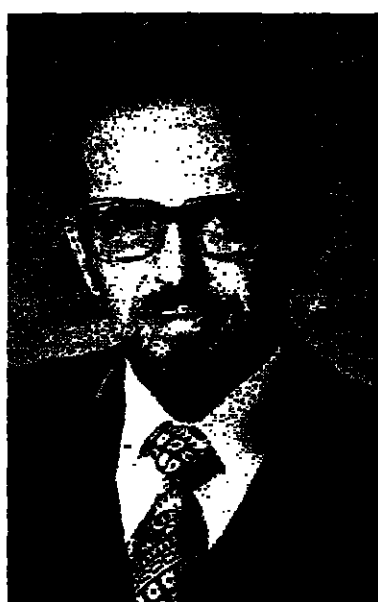
By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

well as rabbinical ordination from YU, was the first sitting YU president to visit Israel. The latest of his annual visits included a Beit Hanesi reception in which he shared the Katz Prize for application of Halacha to modern-day problems with former chief rabbi Shlomo Goren and Talmud scholar Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz.

COMMENTING on the recent demand by Conservative and Reform Jewry that the new premier designate Yitzhak Shamir not agree to amend the Law of Return, Dr. Lamm says such an amendment — defining Jewish converts who have a right to come on aliyah those converted according to Halacha — would not cause "a more serious break between Israel and Diaspora Jewry than Menachem Begin's policies did regarding some groups abroad."

A "cold war" has been going on for some time now between non-Orthodox and Orthodox movements in the U.S. over the conversion issue. He doesn't blame the Conservative and Reform Jews for being "upset" over the issue, but Rabbi Lamm — who favours changing the Law of Return to coincide with the Orthodox definition — recalls that the State of Israel in its early years angered the Orthodox with some legislation.

Lamm suggests that the president or prime minister of Israel initiate an international gathering of Jewish thinkers — Orthodox and non-Orthodox — who would sit down and find some practical solution to



Norman Lamm

the "Who's a Jew" imbroglio. He believes that the initiative should come from Israel. "We must find a responsible way out of this mess," he maintains.

Lamm condemns reported threats by the non-Orthodox movements that if the Law of Return is amended, they will hold back on contributions to Israel. "An independent state must take decisions on the basis of its own best interests and not act like a frightened rabbit."

The recent Reform decision to accept as Jews the children of Jewish fathers married to non-

Jewish women if the children performed some "Jewish acts" has only "made cooperation with the Reform more difficult," says Dr. Lamm. "It shows the lack of concern by the Reform for Jewish unity." He adds that an ultra-Orthodox rabbinical group had considered issuing a ban on marriage with anyone from a Reform family, but he persuaded them not to take that drastic step.

LAMM IS well aware of the waning influence and numbers of modern Orthodox (Zionist) Jewry both in Israel and abroad, compared to the growing ultra-Orthodox. "But there is a pendulum swinging back and forth. Our type of Jew will never become extinct. And I don't regard the increasing power of the ultra-Orthodox as a disaster."

Yeshiva University, as a pro-Israel modern Orthodox institution, has "done more for aliyah than any other educational institution in the world," says Lamm proudly. Nearly one-tenth of its alumni — some 1,499 — have settled in Israel.

There is a severe shortage of qualified religious teachers in the U.S. That, and not lack of admissions applications, prevents YU from expanding its high schools in Manhattan beyond its 450 girls and 700 boys. (The Brooklyn boys and girls schools were closed down in recent years because of the rightward turn that sent teenagers to ultra-Orthodox, non-Zionist schools.) Dr. Lamm personally discourages YU-educated rabbis and Jewish teachers from moving to Israel while young, because "someone has to preserve American Jewry." He personally would like to come on aliyah "as soon as I get kicked out of office."

He believes that many middle-aged Western immigrants are being "wasted" because there is no one in government who recruits and inspires them to devote their talents to national problems. They should be directed to volunteer activities outside the major cities. "We need a *Sherni La'an* programme for retired people who come to Israel to live," he asserts.

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Dollar value of stocks fell 1% in September

By MACABEE DEAN
TEL AVIV. — The dollar value of all stocks traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange fell by one per cent during September, according to Securiteam, the financial consultancy firm. Securiteam uses the "dollar yardstick" since it is a more reliable reflection than any other method. The exchange rate used was \$563 equals \$1.

At the end of September, the shares registered were valued at \$12.9 billion, only one hundred million less than at the end of August.

However, since the beginning of the year, with the sole exception of the commercial banks, which gained seven per cent in value, all other categories fell, often heavily. (Even some commercial banks, such as Maritim, which lost 82 per

cent and FIBI, which lost 79 per cent, also lost an enormous part of their value.)

As for the other categories, mortgage banks lost eight per cent since the beginning of the year; financing institutions, 32 per cent; insurance companies, 73 per cent; trade and utilities, 69 per cent; land development, 65 per cent; industries, 49 per cent; investment companies, 44 per cent; and petroleum, 62 per cent.

At the end of September, the commercial banks constituted 61 per cent of the value of the entire market, compared with 42 per cent at the beginning of the year; and the ten "giants" made 64 per cent of the entire market (these "giants" included the biggest banks), compared to 47 per cent at the beginning of the current year.

The value of the Big Ten Giants is as follows:

Name	value on Sept. 30, 1983	change in Sept.	% change since beginning of year
Hapoalim	2,298	plus 12	plus 19
Leumi	2,090	plus 19	plus 18
IDB	1,095	minus 12	plus 23
Discount	818	plus 41	plus 25
Mizrahi	605	minus 12	plus 45
IDB development	535	minus 8	plus 28
First International	247	minus 24	minus 35
Clal	228	minus 31	minus 70
Dead Sea	226	minus 32	minus 70
Solel Boneh	160	minus 67	minus 76

All values are in millions of dollars.

Many motorists 'waste money' buying high octane petrol

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
ASHDOD. — The tendency for some motorists to buy high-octane petrol for vehicles that don't need it is both a waste of money for them and a headache for the country's oil refineries, according to Fuel Administration director Shimon Gilboa.

Gilboa said during a press tour of the refinery here yesterday that the 96-octane petrol put on the market this week is intended for vehicles with a high-compression combustion process. He and other spokesmen stressed that using 96-octane petrol (which has replaced the 94-octane type) for vehicles designed for 91-octane does not improve engine performance or efficiency and is simply a waste of money.

They sought to counter the false, but apparently widespread notion, that high octane fuel is better and cleaner and that low octane fuel has not been refined as well.

Gilboa said that too many motorists are buying the high octane petrol for vehicles designed for lower octane fuel. He said that the optimum marketing mix would be 50 per cent of each type, but lately 36 per cent of the petrol sold has been 91 octane and 64 per cent 94 octane. The situation has worsened over the past year, he said.

He said if the country's petrol consumption becomes too unbalanced, the refineries will not be able to meet the demand and it will be necessary to import petrol, which would be very expensive.

A Transport Ministry official said

he hopes 98 octane petrol will eventually be marketed here, as it is in Europe and the U.S. He said that American-made vehicles and most of the non-diesel commercial vehicles in Israel should use 91 octane. Some European and Japanese makes, however, should use 91 octane while others require the higher octane, he said.

In case of doubt, motorists should consult their dealer or authorized garage or refer to the service manual for their car.

In the past, the official said, vehicles requiring 98 octane had to have their engines adjusted to use 94 octane. Now, however, this is not necessary for new high octane engines since 96 octane is close enough to 98 octane. He added that older cars whose engines had been previously adjusted for 94 octane should now have them returned for 98 octane.

Gilboa said it was unlikely that 98 octane would be introduced here, since this would require large investments in new refining equipment, which would not be economically feasible.

The octane rating of a fuel indicates its capacity to reduce knocking in the engine during the combustion process.

Gilboa and some Energy Ministry officials have supported a price gap of about 20 per cent between the high and low octane fuels as a means to discourage the use of 96 octane when not necessary. Other ministry officials and the Treasury, however, believe that this would not influence consumption patterns. The current price gap is about 14 per cent.

Anti-splash sprinkler on display at Agritech

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Among the exhibitors at this week's Agritech 1983 fair are the Naan Mechanical Works and Makhteshim-Agan.

Naan, specializing in sprinklers and drip irrigation systems, is one of the largest plants of its kind in Israel.

Owned and operated by Kibbutz Naan, the works was founded in 1930 near Rehovot and now exports to 70 countries world-wide.

Because the Naan technicians are also farmers, they have a special understanding of the needs of different types of crops. They are also able to test all new equipment developed in Kibbutz Naan's own fields and orchards.

The ready availability of its own test area has contributed to the wide range of Naan's sprinklers. The company has developed 50 different models suitable for all climates, crops, soil conditions and water resources.

In addition to full and part circle sprinklers, Naan has special purpose models, such as low-angle sprinklers for orchards; anti-frost sprinklers; hot-house sprinklers which are suspended from the ceiling in an upside down position; small sprayers and giant water guns.

The variety of its sprinklers and accessories has facilitated irrigation in stretches of Israel which only a diehard optimist could have visualized as farmland.

Because water is so precious in Israel, all companies involved in the design and manufacture of irrigation equipment are forever seeking innovative ways in which to cut down on water waste. In this context, Naan has come up with the Anti-Splashback sprinkler, which confines irrigation to a predetermined sector of the circle, without any splash behind the sprinkler.

Among the most popular Naan products in Israel, is the Naan Tif Drip System, wherein, unlike other drip systems, the drippers are contained inside the pipes. In less sophisticated systems, the drippers protrude from the pipes and frequently fall off or are knocked off.

Naan's export sales are handled by Peleg Export. Peleg markets most of the export oriented irrigation equipment produced in Israel, and in this capacity supplies all irrigation needs from complete systems to individual components.

Turning crop protection problems into harvest-time profits is the business of Makhteshim-Agan, exporters of over 100 agricultural



Tsaham Afikim's automated milking machine displayed at the Agritech '83 exhibition, on at the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds this week. (IPA)

products to more than 60 countries. Makhteshim-Agan, among the world's leading manufacturers of crop protection chemicals, produces a diversified product line including ready-to-use formulations and technical grade materials available for local formulation by overseas customers.

Makhteshim-Agan's teams of research scientists and field advisors are always searching for new and safer agricultural chemical compounds, adapting them to the myriad combinations of climate and terrain throughout the world, and

siding local farmers to apply them effectively and economically.

These new advances are incorporated into a constantly developing production programme handled by Makhteshim-Agan's recently expanded manufacturing complex. In addition to the company's line of agricultural chemicals — insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, plant growth regulators, fruit-coating waxes, defoliant and desiccants — Makhteshim-Agan also manufactures an extensive range of industrial chemicals, fire-retardant additives and phosgene derivatives.

Kissinger expected at 1984 economic meet

Post Economic Reporter

Invitations to the fourth Jerusalem Economic Conference, to be held from May 20-25 1984, will be sent out this week, once the Industry, Finance and Economic Ministries have finalized the last details of conference organization.

Conference organizer Meir Dayan said representatives from some 300 large and multinational

companies were expected; and former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger and Nobel Economics Prize laureate Lawrence Klein were also scheduled to attend.

The conference, to be titled "Moving into the 21st Century," will stress the advanced technological aspects of the Israeli economy, according to the Industry Ministry's David Brodet.

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Not how to handle a bear

IN RECENT YEARS Israel has usually been content to leave the safeguarding of world peace to their country's trusted patron and benefactor, the U.S. So long as American support for Israel is assured, questions about global U.S. strategy and its conduct vis-a-vis the Soviet Union tend to be suppressed.

When, however, American-Soviet tensions escalate as alarmingly as they have been doing for the past few weeks, there is little room for such equanimity.

It would betray forgetfulness to say that the present sombre phase in superpower relations started a month ago with the shooting down by Soviet fighter planes of a Korean civilian airliner, with the loss of 269 lives. The beginning of the death of détente can be traced to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, in 1979. But it was the tragic end of Flight 007 that caused the world's two major nuclear antagonists to drop their customary inhibitions and trade verbal blows that suggested to veteran Kremlinologist George Kennan that they might be on "a march toward war."

Arguably the Soviet Union invited withering American criticism when, not satisfied with having perpetrated the horrible deed, it proceeded to entangle itself in a web of lies and contradictions in seeking to account for it. Ten years ago the Kremlin denounced as a "monstrous crime" the downing by Israel of a Libyan airliner which had strayed over Sinai. Israel was then, as it still is, in a state of war with Libya. The Soviet Union and South Korea are at peace, yet the Soviets are still to admit any culpability in the destruction of the Korean plane.

Yet the instantaneous American reaction to the Soviet act plainly went far beyond what had earlier been held acceptable discourse, even in the heat of controversy, between the two powers that hold the world's fate in their hands.

President Ronald Reagan, not waiting for the result of any extensive investigation, hastened to condemn what he viewed as calculated Soviet callousness in committing a "terrorist act" that attested to the barbaric nature of the Soviet regime.

The fiery rhetoric was not followed up by punitive action, and this greatly distressed Republican right-wingers. To them, the president's bark was worse than his bite — he was talking like Teddy Roosevelt but acting like Jimmy Carter. Most Americans, however, apparently liked what they had heard well enough, and Mr. Reagan's stock rose steeply in the public opinion polls.

This is doubtless what Mr. Reagan intended. He was speaking not so much to the Soviets as to the American people, and to America's allies. His purpose in "exposing" the Soviets was to boost the popularity of his domestic rearmament programme, and to increase European acceptance of NATO's planned deployment, by the end of this year, of Cruise and Pershing II missiles.

Moscow fully understood this. But its sense of hurt over what was seen as a deliberate personal insult to the Soviet leadership was not lessened thereby. On the contrary.

Last week the U.S. president, realizing perhaps that his blunderbuss had overshot its mark, tried to placate the Soviets in an address to the UN General Assembly. No longer accusing the Kremlin of having committed a "crime," he offered, in return for Soviet concessions, to hold back on America's present quest for a restored nuclear strategic balance.

The reply came directly from President Yuri Andropov himself. It was a deliberately rude rebuff. Mr. Reagan's presentation of his case was described as a pack of "blatant lies." For the moment, the two superpowers seem to be barely on speaking terms.

This should be a cause for worry, and not only for those directly involved. The Soviet Union is a brutal tyranny, bent on expansion, even if under cover of self-defence. But standing up to the Soviets should not imply reading them out of the human race. Belligerence is not the only alternative to appeasement. This should easily be appreciated by people who live in the Middle East, a potential flashpoint for any major conflagration.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS THE ISRAEL Building Centre in Tel Aviv, established by the Ministry of Construction and Housing, has branched out beyond offering advice on buying and building a home. It is now offering a course on the care of house-plants, patio plants and gardens.

Because of heavy demand, a second course will open in October. The course includes six lectures, each given weekly in the afternoons. Tours of gardens will be included in the curriculum. Not meant for professional gardeners, the course will teach amateurs what tools they will need to care for plants in addition to how to grow the flora successfully. J.S.I.

PS IT TOOK 97 years of living in Germany, England, America and finally Israel, but Jenny Fink of Jerusalem is pleased to have become a life member of Hadassah. The nonagenarian, who came on aliyah 11 years ago, has a son at Hadassah (Dr. Theodore Fink is head of the emergency department at Hadassah-Mt. Scopus). "I am delighted to become a life member of the new Hadassah-Israeli

organization," she told us. "I have wanted to become a life member to demonstrate my commitment for a long time, and now it has become a reality."

Over 1,000 former Hadassah members in America have so far joined the Israeli branch of the organization.

PS SIXTY per cent of the complaints made against the government by Israelis contemplating emigration are justified, according to Deputy Minister Dov Shilansky, whose office deals with the complaints.

Shilansky, who has received thousands of complaints, did a survey of a sample of 400 correspondents. He found that 27 per cent related to housing, 25 per cent to employment, 6.5 per cent to aliyah absorption, 5 per cent to army and reserve duty and 36.5 per cent to quality of life and money problems like income-tax, national insurance, health insurance and customs. Asher Friedberg, coordinator of Shilansky's activities to prevent emigration, says that half of the justified complaints were "solved" by his office, and the rest are being dealt with. J.S.I.

WHEN THE MORE conservative among us talk about education, they usually are dreaming of a country blessed by a thousand gymnasia, all beautifully modelled on an educational concept and on a Yishuv that no longer exists.

My idea of education focuses on a world yet to come, where a school's contribution is measured not by the famous people who once studied there, but by its success in keeping the weak ones learning till age 18, by its victories over the drop-out disease and by the number who go on to any kind of higher learning. These are the measure of a school. Schools are meant to serve a changing society, not to preserve a dream that died when they built Tel Aviv's Shalom Tower.

The Ministry of Education is now pushing hard to complete implementation of the Reform — the introduction of junior high schools — throughout the country. It is not an easy battle with opposition from some teachers, principals and parents. The most recent battlefield has been Rishon LeZion, a suitable place in a way since the mayor himself is in charge of the education department. But the mayor tended to keep a grandiose silence, while the minister and his director-general did the pushing and shoving, forcing an outcome to the battle.

MY MOTHER was a Jewish teacher, one who never counted her teaching hours. Each day was an unending struggle against time.

Class hours were only a small part of what she saw as her duty. Today we speak of the total need of a pupil and the need for individual attention. She knew about that. For her it meant getting food into empty stomachs.

Jewish Warsaw between the two world wars was a quagmire of poverty, unemployment, hunger, vermin and disease. A thin crust of the wealthy lived in one world, and then there was the vast mass of Jews who made their living with extreme difficulty. Among the 350,000 Jews in Warsaw were thousands of children who had never seen a live flower, who never had a summer vacation.

Clothing was handed down from the older to the younger children.

The battle for reform

By AHARON BEN-YOSEF

It was decided to adopt the Reform in Rishon as long ago as 1976. Its implementation was postponed by a union between the mayor and the professional organizations by the principals and the teachers. The PTA was not then even told, let alone asked for an opinion. This union now appears to have cracked apart.

As residents of Rishon, we were saddened by the battle in a country that can no longer afford educational failure.

We want a system that meets the challenge of a city where out of the neighbourhoods "only about 10 per cent are taken into Rishon's gymnasia and where about half of them have to find post-primary education outside of their home town."

THE MINISTRY of Education and Rishon's education department

seem to understand the need for change and that Rishon is different from Tel Aviv — that south does not necessarily have to be blended with north, that changes in system and structure are not to be expected to come down from On High. This attitude is, frankly, very encouraging.

A major argument used by primary school teachers who opposed the Reform (the secondary school teachers union backed it) was that the speed-up in building development caused an inflow of mixed population, producing a situation where 92 per cent of the students in the town were integrated from kindergarten — "natural integration" in the words of the chairman of the primary teachers union — a lovely sounding phrase indeed. But this leads to the conclusion that Rishon LeZion should re-

tain its old education system forever, whilst the rest of the country grasps the need for something better, for progress and reform in education.

In all fairness, there is a weak spot to be considered regarding the reform of the educational system. Primary schools may lose a lot of glamour. Graduation at age 12, instead of 14, may be difficult for the children, not to mention that the primary schools will lose "mini-educators" — the school patrols and helpers with the lower grades, etc. The primary schools will just have to adapt to these changes.

The chairman of the primary teachers' union claimed that from junior high, the youngsters will look upwards to the secondary school and see (I quote) "examples of sexual freedom, smoking, drinking and more." Surely what is an undesirable example for a 12-year-old is also desirable for a 14-year-old. Yet who has up until now spoken out about dealing with the sexual, smoking and drinking problems to be found, apparently as a common problem, in the secondary schools? Maybe it was acceptable to leave those problems untouched until they served their purpose in persuading parents that moving their children into contact with the big

wide world was the worst thing imaginable? For one would be happy to hear what the teachers have to say on this subject.

The need to preserve group unity is often raised as an object to the Reform. This is absurd when one considers that Rishon's *tes* classes are spread all over the countryside, along with all subsequent classes. In fact, the *zayin*, *het* and *tet* classes will be located together, and pupils will travel from their neighbourhood together as a group and return as a group.

Group unity is a necessary support that will help pupils face the challenge of high school; but a general mix is another vital factor. If managed properly in junior high, it can prepare the pupil for a smooth transition to the next stage, high school itself.

The Ministry of Education and the municipal education department in Rishon are showing a great willingness to adjust, to bend a little to accommodate local needs. It is now up to the teaching profession not to represent the strictly conservative forces in the town, but to move forward and to prove to the country as a whole that they understand the needs of the day.

The writer is chairman of the PTA of the Reme School, Rishon LeZion.

The Jewish teacher

By ALEXANDER ZVIELI

Shoes were inherited many times over. Black bread, onions and herring were the daily fare.

THE POVERTY perpetuated helplessness; the future was bleak and uncertain. While a Pole could find work in the army, police, post office, on the railways or in other public services, the Jews were gradually excluded from all productive occupations and from any kind of civil service. The cooperative movement squeezed them out of middle-men occupations. Such was the situation long before Hitler came to power.

My mother took me along when she visited the tenements in the heart of Warsaw's Jewish quarter. People huddled together, between eight and ten to a room. Sunshine never came through their windows. Polish law guaranteed free primary school for all. But it wasn't easy to get to school if you had no shoes and there was half a metre of snow outside. Hunting for shoes cast off by the prosperous became one of my mother's concerns.

She hardly had time for her own children. The same happened to her sister, director of a primary Jewish school. They were forever sitting on

committees, trying to assure children a glass of milk, a spoon of codliver oil, a sandwich. These meetings, it was wryly remarked, took more time than the sessions of the Polish parliament.

My mother also told me of meetings attended by Dr. Janusz Korczak (Henryk Goldschmidt), who was in charge of summer camps for poor children. Two weeks of decent food and some sunshine and country air were expected to cure the results of malnourishment, rickets, anemia, tuberculosis and all the other ills that plagued these children. It was up to the Jewish teachers' committee to choose five lucky candidates from around 500 deserving applicants.

EDUCATION was the sole hope of Jewish subsistence and emancipation. My mother never grudging

time to assist the most backward and underprivileged children. She fished absentees out of lice-infested tenements and forced them to attend class. She bought them the things they needed, paying out of her own pocket, and encouraging them to continue their studies, however impossible or frustrating the effort seemed.

The Jewish teacher was a sole ray of light in such a dim, hopeless existence. Education was regarded as holy, and a teacher, whether a *heder* or in a public school, was the guardian angel of the Jewish masses.

Somehow I don't want to believe that Jewish teachers in our free and independent Israel are of a different school.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post staff.

READERS' LETTERS

EAST JERUSALEM DEMONSTRATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am the handsome fellow in the photograph accompanying the article of September 19 on how the police broke up a completely peaceful commemoration of the infamous massacre last year in Beirut. I am a journalist, here on assignment for the *Guardian*, the New York radical weekly, as well as doing free-lance work for other journals. I do not conceal that I was in total sympathy with the gathering, but I was covering it as a professional journalist, as part of a study I am doing comparing your peace movement with our, American, movement of the 60s.

As with most others at the event, I had fled before the rioting police, but had returned when I saw that some of the Israelis present had sat down, as we did in our own civil rights demonstrations, so as to cover the arrest. That was when I was arrested, and when I announced that I was a journalist, a reporter, I was repeatedly beaten, as clearly shown in your photo. I continued to protest that they had

grabbed a reporter, all the way to the Russian compound lockup. There, I was able to show photostats of my bylined articles from the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and other publications I have written for, and I was released.

But what had I done to get myself arrested and knocked about? And, for that matter, what had any of the others done, 23 of whom were actually detained for several hours, charged, etc? What had they done to be attacked and beaten in a manner so reminiscent of the worst brutalities perpetrated in the U.S. of another day and another place? The gathering was praying when the police assaulted it, and all that was scheduled was a walk to a mosque for yet another prayer.

"The only democracy in the Middle East." So goes the tired old wheeze. But on Sunday, September 18, the hideous reality was made plain for all to see: Israel is no more democratic than America was at its worst.

LENNI BRENNER

Jerusalem.

BETH HATEFUTSOH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am referring to Shoshana Rouda's letter of September 18 about Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Beth Hatefutsot.

The role Dr. Goldmann played in the history of Israel, the Zionist movement and the Jewish world — as President of the World Zionist Organization, as co-founder and for many years President of the World Jewish Congress, and as the initiator and architect of the restitution agreement with Adenauer which brought hundreds of millions of dollars to the young State of Israel and to countless survivors of the Holocaust, etc. etc. — will be judged by historians and, even more so, by history. Obviously, when it decided that the Museum should carry the name of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, the Board of Beth Hatefutsot, although aware of Goldmann's controversial political opinions, did not share Mrs. Rouda's rather in-

tolerant and certainly unfounded view of him.

Beth Hatefutsot carries Dr. Goldmann's name primarily because it was on his initiative that, in 1959, the World Jewish Congress, at its IVth Plenary Assembly in Stockholm, decided to establish the "House of the Diaspora" (as it was called during the planning phase). Even more important — it was he who, with the devoted support and cooperation of a group of distinguished public personalities from Israel and the Diaspora, for 15 years headed and personally directed the efforts of planning and fund-raising which eventually led to the opening of the Museum in 1978. Were it not for Nahum Goldmann, there would not have been Beth Hatefutsot.

JESAJA WEINBERG,

Director, Beth Hatefutsot
Tel Aviv.

ANTI-SEMITIC INVECTIVE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In justifying his venomous assault on Israel in *The Literary Review*, Roald Dahl states he's "simply against mass bombing and killing" (September 20). Now really! Did he launch such an orgy of invective against the United States for its atomic devastation of two Japanese cities, or against Britain for unleashing World War II bombers on German civilian targets? Does he now viciously malign the Soviet Union for ravaging Afghanistan, or the Arabs for their terrorism and massacres? The Palestinian-Arab publisher of Dahl's obscene article claims there's no anti-Semitism involved, as "the Arabs and Jews are both Semitic people." Why, then, do these soundbites deny the Jewish People a rightful, secure homeland in the Semitic Middle-East?

MILTON J. KRAMER

Jerusalem.

AIRPORT RIP OFF

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Your article, "Airport food prices sky high" (September 23) struck home. A month ago, my wife and I had breakfast in the departure lounge cafeteria at Ben-Gurion Airport. I had orange juice, one scrambled egg, one roll and butter and coffee; my wife had a roll and butter, one scrambled egg and coffee. The cost, an unbelievable \$17.00. To put it mildly, I was shocked and outraged.

In plain English, this is a "rip off." I can't for the life of me understand what is so special about our airport cafeteria to justify such prices. Is the coffee tastier than that in Vienna; the eggs fresher than in Amsterdam or the cafeteria cleaner than the one in Zurich?

Any way you look at it, there is no reason for us to charge the prices we do. In the final analysis, we are only hurting ourselves and will eventually become a country that is simply too expensive to visit.

DR. ROBERT ROCKAWAY

Herzliya.

PLEA FOR TOLERANCE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The High Holy Day season became the occasion this year for extreme violent manifestations of religious bigotry.

An apartment was set afire and destroyed because new tenants, ultra-Orthodox yeshiva students, resented the presence of a secular neighbour, despite the fact that for years she had lived in harmony with her religious neighbours.

Our two chief rabbis chose the High Holy Days to warn people of the dangers of attending any but an Orthodox synagogue approved by them. Orthodox rabbis plastered walls in French Hill in Jerusalem with extreme vilification of the educational efforts of the local Conservative congregation. Orthodox Jews in Gilo prevented fellow Jews from renting quarters in a public school for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services. The list is long, familiar and painful.

We have been ingathered, and we, and our children and our children's children will live together in the Jewish State. We must face the problem of religious pluralism in Israel with mutual respect. Disagreement and debate are

legitimate and essential, but the debate must be conducted in a common search for the roots of our tradition and for a common denominator from which point each man can find his way. Otherwise our lives will become intolerable and our national oneness will be undermined.

Is our knowledge of our history so inadequate? Is our memory of our recent past and the tragedy of Jewish secular, religious and assimilated, so short that we are ready to allow our ranks to be split? Is our nation so secure?

As a politically concerned group, we appeal to the leadership of all parties not committed to a particular version of Jewish tradition to come together to try and work out guidelines for the elimination of sectarian pressure in coalition politics. The future of the spiritual identity of Jews everywhere with Israel is at stake. Indeed the very existence of the Jewish State and of the Jewish people may well be at stake.

KADIMA — JERUSALEM
Members of the Labour Party and
Sympathizers.
Jerusalem.

AGENCY DISPLAY WINDOWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to Seth Siegel's letter of August 12 concerning the state of street-level display windows of our building at 515 Park Avenue in New York City which has now been corrected.

The strict building laws of the municipality of the City of New York required the complete rewiring of all the electrical fixtures in these display windows. This was done, but before new displays could be installed, it was necessary to receive the approval of the New York City Department of Buildings. The interminable delay in getting such approval delayed remounting the attractive present new exhibits.

These windows are expensive to

create and install, and for that budgetary reason, we try to mount attractive and meaningful displays which need not be replaced more than once a year.

DR. JACOB FREID,
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American Section
New York.

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